(b) whether it is also a fact that India's share in total exports is only 2.83%; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such a low percentage?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. India's share in the total world export of handicrafts has not increased at a faster rate because of competation from China and South East Asian countries.

Investigation in Gold Star Case

2112. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the CBI has started further investigation into the gold star case as suggested by the Joint Parliamentary Committee; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) CBI has completed further investigations in the Gold Star case as suggested by the JPC. On the basis of the enquiries conducted jointly by the CBI, SEBI, Department of Company Affairs and RBI, the final conclusion drawn by the CBI is that there has been no unauthorised diversion of funds from the Rights Issue for discharging any other liabilities. Therefore, no criminal offence is made out.

Cost per MW of Power Projects

2113. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Thermal Power Project or a combined Cycle Gas Project do not cost more than Rupees 2 crore per MW, taking into account equipment cost alone;

(b) whether it is a fact that price at which power is supplied to the grid should not exceed 4.2 cents a unit; and

(c) whether Government have voted that multinationals are forming cartel to fleece India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The cost per MW of equipment alone is less then Rs. 2.00 crores in respect of the projects recently commissioned/under implementation and exceeds Rs. 2.00 crores in respect of new projects.

(b) Tarrif is a derivative of capital cost as approved by the Central Electricity Authority. Once the capital cost has been approved, it is calculated on the basis of principles (norms & parameters) notified by the Government in this regard from time to time.

(c) No, Sir.

Power capacity addition

2114. SHRI BALBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the latest assessment of capacity addition likely to be achieved in the Eighth Plan programme and the names of projects with anticipated capacities likely to get commissioned in the Eighth Plan;

(b) whether any draft programme has been prepared for the capacity addition in the Ninth Plan and the names of projects and the capacity included therein;

(c) if so, what power supply position is anticipated by the end of the Ninth Plan, State-wise based on the proposed Ninth Plan programme; and

(d) if not, by when such a programme likely to be formulated?